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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GOMEZ ET AL.

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1 and 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-6, 8, 13-21, 27-33 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Grant et al. (5,996,824). Grant et al. disclose, in figs. 11, 12, 34 and 35, a container comprising a sidewall 10; a dome 16 coupled to the first end of the sidewall; container nose 12 having a channel, a hinged connection formed between the dome and the sidewall, and the dome having a neck portion; wherein the hinge connection enables the dome to flip from an outwardly projecting position to an inwardly projecting position; and a standing ring 18.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-6 and 8-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Longo (5,046,877) in view of Grand et al.

Longo discloses, in figs. 1, 9 and 10, a container having limitations substantially as claimed, except Longo does not disclose a dome coupled to the first end of the

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sidewall, a hinged connection formed between the dome and the sidewall, wherein the hinge connection enables the dome to flip from an outwardly projecting position to an inwardly projecting position, and a standing ring.

Grand et al. teach, a container having a dome coupled to the first end of the sidewall, a hinged connection formed between the dome and the sidewall, wherein the hinge connection enables the dome to flip from an outwardly projecting position to an inwardly projecting position; and a standing ring.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the Longo container with a dome coupled to the first end of the sidewall, a hinged connection formed between the dome and the sidewall, wherein the hinge connection enables the dome to flip from an outwardly projecting position to an inwardly projecting position, and a standing ring, as taught by Grand et al., in order to facilitate of filling the container content at the dome neck portion and to enable the container to stand on the standing ring when the dome is in the inwardly projecting position.

5. Claim 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Longo in view of Grand et al. and further in view of Cargile et al. (6,673,301).

Longo in view of Grand et al. does not disclose the container sidewall having an inset groove.

Cargile et al. teach a container sidewall having an inset groove 22.

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It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the container of Longo in view of Grand et al. with an inset groove on the container sidewall, as taught by Cargile et al., in order to provide a rigid support structure for container when the container is in the standing position.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LIEN TM NGO whose telephone number is 571-272-4545. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM -6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MICHAEL MAR can be reached on 571-272-4906. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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